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Dear Dr. Krampitz:

Thank you for your letter of December 4, concerning Yanofsky as a possible candidate for an S.A.B. award. I have had a very high regard for his work, and it would please me to see him receive the award.

However, I do not think I would be a very convincing sponsor-- I just don't think I've had that kind of personal contact with him. It would be hard for me to say from my own knowledge, for example, just what were his and Dave Bonner's relative contributions in formulating his problems and getting his program going: I have to rely on hearsay to form my own impressions, and I think the committee ought to have more direct testimony than that. As for the quality of his research, that speaks for itself. If you feel that I still ought to write for Charlie, I'll be happy to do so, but in my own opinion the people who have been closer to him ought to do it, for example, Ed Tatum.

Yours sincerely,

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